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PETITION TO WITHDRAW ABANDONMENT UNDER RULE 8(b)(3)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

Attn: SPECIAL PROGRAM EXAMINER KEN DORNER

S I R:

This is a Petition to withdraw the abandonment of the application under Rule 8(b)(3). Kindly deduct any fee due in connection with this Petition from Deposit Account No. 01-1944.

Please find attached a copy of the response timely filed in the United States Patent And Trademark Office to the outstanding official action dated December 14, 2001 in connection with the above-identified reissue application.

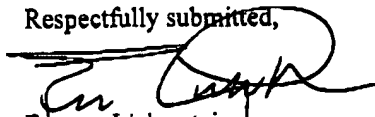
Also attached on a separate sheet is a statement by the person who mailed the response, verifying that the response was indeed mailed on the date indicated in the Certificate of Mailing Stamp, i.e. April 12, 2002.

Attached is a copy of our return receipt postcard as evidence that the response was mailed on April 12, 2002 and *received in the U.S. Patent Office* on April 18, 2002. On the first page of the response, a request is made for a one-month extension of time with authorization to deduct the necessary fee from deposit account number 01-1944. Hence, we are enclosing a copy of our July 2002 Deposit Account Statement from the United States Patent Office showing that the fee for a one-month extension of time was deducted from our account on July 29, 2002 - further evidence that our response was received in the U.S. Patent Office.

It is respectfully submitted that this response was timely filed and the application should not have been abandoned.

Applicant respectfully submits that the petition fee be waived as the application was abandoned erroneously by an error on the part of the U.S. Patent Office and not an error by applicant who timely filed the response to the office action along with a request for a one month extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

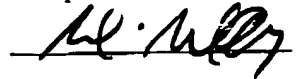

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent by facsimile to 1-703-605-0586 addressed to: Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231, attention Special Program Examiner Ken Dorner, on September 30, 2002.

Signed:



Dated:

Sept. 30, 2002